

Focaccia,
Plaintiff
JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A.,
Defendant

Adv. Proc. No. 24-00051-amc

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on May 31, 2024:

Recip ID	Recipient Name and Address
pla	Nancy Virginia Focaccia, 919 Lakeview Ct, King of Prussia, PA 19406-1539
14877236	+ JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., c/o James P. Berg, Esq., Parker Ibrahim and Berg,LLP, 1635 Market Street, 11th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2219

TOTAL: 2

Notice by electronic transmission was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.

Electronic transmission includes sending notices via email (Email/text and Email/PDF), and electronic data interchange (EDI). Electronic transmission is in Eastern Standard Time.

Recip ID	Notice Type: Email Address	Date/Time	Recipient Name and Address
smg	Email/Text: megan.harper@phila.gov	May 29 2024 23:58:00	City of Philadelphia, City of Philadelphia Law Dept., Tax Unit/Bankruptcy Dept, 1515 Arch Street 15th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595
smg	Email/Text: RVSVCBICNOTICE1@state.pa.us	May 29 2024 23:57:00	Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, Bankruptcy Division, P.O. Box 280946, Harrisburg, PA 17128-0946
ust	+ Email/Text: ustregion03.ph.ecf@usdoj.gov	May 29 2024 23:58:00	United States Trustee, Office of United States Trustee, Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building, 900 Market Street, Suite 320, Philadelphia, PA 19107-4202
dft	Email/PDF: ais.chase.ebn@aisinfo.com	May 30 2024 00:08:31	JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., 700 Kansas Lane, Mail Code LA4-7100, Monroe, LA 71203

TOTAL: 4

BYPASSED RECIPIENTS

The following addresses were not sent this bankruptcy notice due to an undeliverable address, *duplicate of an address listed above, *P duplicate of a preferred address, or ## out of date forwarding orders with USPS.

NONE

NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

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Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on May 29, 2024 at the address(es) listed below:

Name	Email Address
FRED W. HOENSCH	on behalf of Defendant JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. fred.hoensch@piblaw.com, casenotifications@piblaw.com
James P. Berg	on behalf of Defendant JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. james.berg@piblaw.com
MICHAEL I. ASSAD	on behalf of Plaintiff Nancy Virginia Focaccia help@cibiklaw.com noreply01@cibiklaw.com;noreply02@cibiklaw.com;noreply03@cibiklaw.com;noreply04@cibiklaw.com;noreply05@cibiklaw.com; cibiklawpc@jubileebk.net;cibiklaw@recap.email;ecf@casedriver.com

TOTAL: 3

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In re:	:	
	:	Chapter 7
NANCY VIRGINIA FOCACCIA,	:	
	:	Case No. 23-12964-AMC
Debtor	:	
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NANCY VIRGINIA FOCACCIA,	:	
	:	
Plaintiff	:	
	:	
v.	:	Adv. Pro. No. 24-00051-AMC
	:	
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.,	:	
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Defendant	:	
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INITIAL PRETRIAL ORDER

AND NOW, this 29th day of May 2024, the Plaintiff having filed an adversary proceeding and the Defendant having filed a responsive pleading, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. If not already filed, any party that is subject to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7007.1 shall file the required disclosure **on or before June 5, 2024**.
2. **On or before June 19, 2024**, the parties shall file a joint statement indicating whether they consent to participate in the court-annexed mediation program and transmit a copy of the joint statement to chambers. The joint statement may include up to three suggested mediators from the list of certified mediators, which list may be obtained from the Clerk. If the joint statement requests mediation but contains no suggested mediator(s), then the Court will choose one.
3. **On or before June 19, 2024**, counsel shall have held and concluded the mandatory

discovery conference pursuant to Fed R. Civ. P. 26(f) incorporated into these proceedings by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7026. During said conference, the parties shall discuss how to proceed with general discovery and electronic discovery and shall consider whether the discovery and pretrial schedule detailed below in this order is appropriate in the proceeding.

4. Within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the parties' discovery conference, should the parties propose a discovery or pretrial schedule that differs from the one below, they shall file with the bankruptcy court a report on discovery, as mandated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f). The parties shall detail those differences in the Rule 26(f) report, along with the reasons therefor. The Court may, when appropriate, order a hearing based on the information found in the Rule 26(f) report. If the parties are in agreement with the discovery schedule outlined herein, no report need be filed unless there are objections to the initial discovery disclosures.
5. Within fourteen (14) days after the conclusion of the Rule 26(f) conference, the parties shall provide their initial disclosures detailed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1). Any objections to the initial discovery disclosures required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(1) shall be clearly raised in a Rule 26(f) report.
6. The following discovery and trial schedule shall be considered by the parties in their deliberations at their discovery conference:
 - a. All discovery shall be completed **on or before August 28, 2024.**
 - b. All expert witnesses shall be identified and a copy of each expert's report shall be provided to every other party, in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(2) **on or before July 29, 2024.**
 - c. All motions to amend the pleadings, or for summary judgment, shall be filed **on**

or before September 27, 2024.¹ If such a motion or motions is/are filed, the parties are **not relieved** of their obligation to comply with the terms of the balance of this Pretrial Order.

- d. All discovery disclosures pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(a)(3) shall be served on opposing parties and filed with the bankruptcy court **on or before October 18, 2024.**
- e. Any objections to Rule 26(a)(3) disclosures shall be served on opposing counsel and filed with the bankruptcy court **on or before November 1, 2024.**
- f. **On or before December 2, 2024,** the parties shall file a joint pretrial statement consistent with the form set forth in paragraph 7 below and submit a copy to chambers. The joint pretrial statement shall be signed by all counsel. It is the obligation of the plaintiff's counsel to initiate, assemble and submit the proposed pretrial statement. Plaintiff's counsel shall submit a proposed joint pretrial statement to defendant's counsel not less than seven (7) days prior to the deadline for its submission.

Counsel are expected to make a diligent effort to prepare a proposed pretrial statement in which will be noted all of the issues on which the parties are in agreement and all of those issues on which they disagree. The proposed pretrial statement shall supersede all pleadings in the case. Amendments will be allowed only in exceptional circumstances and to prevent manifest injustice.

- g. All motions *in limine* shall be filed **on or before December 2, 2024.**

7. The joint pretrial statement shall be in the following form:

- a. Basis of Jurisdiction. A statement setting forth the basis of jurisdiction and whether the matter is core or noncore. If the matter is noncore, the parties shall state whether they consent to the court's entry of a final order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(c)(2). If the parties disagree, they shall each cite to relevant authority to support their positions.
- b. Statement of Uncontested Facts. A statement of the uncontested facts.
- c. Statement of Facts in Dispute. A statement of the facts in dispute. No facts should be disputed unless opposing counsel expects to present contrary evidence on the point at trial, or genuinely challenges the fact on credibility grounds.
- d. Damages or Other Relief. A statement of damages claimed or relief sought. A party seeking damages shall provide, for each cause of action being pursued: (1)

¹ A motion for summary judgment shall include a separate statement of those material facts that the movant contends are not in dispute with supporting citations to the record. Failure to comply with this requirement shall be grounds for summary denial of the motion.

a detailed description of each item of damages claimed; (2) the legal authority for such damages; and (3) the specific amount of damages claimed. A party seeking relief other than damages shall, for each cause of action being pursued, list the exact form of relief sought with precise designation of persons, parties, places and things expected to be included in any order for relief and the legal authority for such relief.

- e. Legal Issues. For the causes of action being pursued, identify the following: (1) the constitutional, statutory, regulatory and decisional authorities being relied upon for each cause of action; (2) the elements that must be satisfied to prevail on each cause of action; and (3) which party bears the burden of proof on each element. Also list any additional legal issues (*e.g.*, affirmative defenses) that will be relevant to the court's disposition of the matter, the authority pertinent to each legal issue, and the party who bears the burden on the issue.
 - f. Witnesses. A list of witnesses in the order in which they will be called, along with a brief statement of the evidence the witness will give. Witnesses shall be classified between those whom any party expects to present and those whom any party may call if the need arises. If not already provided to all parties, the address and telephone number of each witness shall be disclosed.
 - g. A List of All Exhibits. A list of all exhibits to be offered into evidence that shall be serially numbered and physically marked before trial in accordance with the schedule. Documents that a party may offer if the need arises shall be separately identified.
 - h. A List of Each Discovery Item and Trial Deposition. A list of each discovery item and trial deposition to be offered into evidence. Counsel shall designate by page portion of the deposition testimony and by number the interrogatories/request for admission that shall be offered into evidence.
 - i. Estimated Trial Time and Scheduling Issues. A statement of (1) the estimated time that the trial will require; and (2) any issues that should be considered in setting a trial date (*e.g.*, witnesses traveling from out-of-state who will need notice of the trial date to make their travel plans).
 - j. Certification. A certification that the parties have attempted good faith settlement discussions without success.
8. A mandatory final pretrial/settlement conference shall be held on **Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 12:30 P.M.** in Courtroom No. 4, Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building & Courthouse, 900 Market Street, Second Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
9. If the adversary proceeding is not resolved prior to the conclusion of the final pretrial/

settlement conferences, the adversary proceeding shall be set down for trial at the court's first available trial date. The trial may be continued only in exceptional circumstances on motion to and leave of court.

10. Seven (7) or more days prior to the date of trial, each party is required to provide: (1) a copy of exhibits to the opposing parties; and (2) two copies of exhibits to chambers.
11. The court may require each party to file (and, if not directed by the court, each party may choose to file), five (5) days prior to the date of the trial, a pretrial memorandum with service on the opposing party and a courtesy copy delivered to chambers.



Ashely M. Chan
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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